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REF: A. IMSWM-168-77, 19 JUL 77; B. ACE EXERCISE PROGRAM
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1. (U) REF A (POUCHED 20 JUL 77, REG #5483) FORWARDS THE
PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE AND PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICY FOR
SUBJECT EXERCISE AND REQUESTS COMMENTS/CONCURRENCE BY
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COB 29 JUL 77. BECAUSE OF THE SHORT SUSPENSE REF A IS
QUOTED IN PARA 2 BELOW FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

2. (C) BEGIN QUOTE OF IMSWM-168-77. QUOTE:

IMSWM-168-77
19 JULY 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE
SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE FOR EXERCISE "OCEAN
SAFARI 77"
REF: A. ACE EXERCISE PROGRAMME 77, P. II-22; B. CINCHAN
MESSAGE P R 141316Z JUL ZFD; C. CINCHAN MESSAGE P R
151540Z JUL

1. THE PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE FOR EXERCISE OCEAN SAFARI
77 HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM CINCHAN REQUESTING APPROVAL.

2. OCEAN SAFARI IS A MULTI-NATIONAL MARITIME EXERCISE
TO BE CONDUCTED BY CINCHAN. MORE THAN 7000 MEN, 60 SHIPS
AND SUBMARINES INCLUDING THE STANAVFORLANT AND 250 AIR-
CRAFT FROM SEVEN NATIONS WILL PARTICIPATE.

3. CINCHAN HAS RECOMMENDED AN ACTIVE PUBLIC INFORMATION
POLICY.

4. CINCHAN HAS REQUESTED THAT THE RELEASE MAY BE MADE
AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN AUGUST, BUT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTAN-
CES MAY THE PRESS RELEASE BE DELAYED BEYOND 27 SEPTEMBER
1977. THE EARLIEST RELEASE DATE POSSIBLE IS REQUESTED IN
ORDER TO FACILITATE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS BY MEDIA
REPRESENTATIVES INTERESTED IN PROVIDING COVERAGE.

5. BECAUSE OF THE EXTREMELY SHORT TIME AVAILABLE FOR
PROCESSING THIS ACTION, BY COPY HEREOF, THE INTERNATIONAL
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STAFF IS REQUESTED TO INITIATE CONCURRENT ACTION TOWARDS
APPROVAL.

6. MILREPS ARE REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE APPROVAL OF THE
PROPOSED PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICY AND THE ENCLOSED PRESS
RELEASE, OR SUBMIT THEIR COMMENTS, BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS
ON 29 JULY 1977. ABSENCE OF COMMENT WILL BE INTERPRETED
AS APPROVAL. A FORM FOR WRITTEN REPLY IS ATTACHED FOR
YOUR CONVENIENCE.

G. SCHMUCKLE, LT GEN, GERMAN ARMY, DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL
MILITARY STAFF.

PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE ON EXERCISE "OCEAN SAFARI 1977"

SURVIVAL IN A FUTURE WAR WOULD DEPEND ON ALLIED ARMIES IN
EUROPE GETTING SUPPLIES AND REINFORCEMENTS IN TIME.
THIS MEANS QUICKLY, CONTINUOUSLY AND BY SEA.

NATO'S ABILITY TO KEEP THE VITAL LIFELINE ROUTES OPEN
AT ALL TIMES - ACROSS THE ATLANTIC THROUGH THE WESTERN
APPROACHES, UP THE ENGLISH CHANNEL - WILL BE PUT TO THE
TEST FROM 17 TO 29 OCTOBER 1977 DURING A MAJOR MARITIME

EXERCISE CALLED OCEAN SAFARI 77.

TWO OF NATO'S THREE MAJOR COMMANDERS HAVE PLANNED IT - ADMIRAL SIR HENRY LEACH, ALLIED COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF CHANNEL (HE WILL DIRECT OPERATIONS FROM HIS HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHWOOD, MIDDLESEX, ENGLAND) AND ADMIRAL ISAAC C. KIDD JR., SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER ATLANTIC, WHOSE HEADQUARTERS ARE IN NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, USA.

THE KEY PART OF OCEAN SAFARI 77 WILL BE THE PASSAGE TOWARDS THE ENGLISH CHANNEL OF A NUMBER OF SUPPLY SHIPS. ONE GROUP, HAVING CROSSED THE ATLANTIC, WILL BE JOINED IN THE EASTERN ATLANTIC BY ANOTHER SMALLER ONE, AND WILL THEN HEAD FOR THE CHANNEL IN THE FACE OF ATTACKS FROM "ENEMY" CONFIDENTIAL

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SURFACE SHIPS, SUBMARINES AND AIRCRAFT. THE GROUP WILL BE ESCORTED BY WARSHIPS - INCLUDING THE STANDING NAVAL FORCE ATLANTIC, A PERMANENT INTERNATIONAL FORCE CONSISTING OF SIX TO EIGHT DESTROYER OR FRIGATE TYPE SHIPS - AND WILL BE FURTHER PROTECTED BY A MULTI-NATIONAL ANTI-SUBMARINE TASK GROUP LED BY THE ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE CARRIER HMS HERMES. LONG RANGE MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT OPERATING FROM BASES IN SOUTH WEST ENGLAND AND

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PORTUGAL WILL PROVIDE CONTINUOUS COVER TO THIS GROUP.

THE EXERCISE WILL INCLUDE ATTACKS FROM HMS ARK ROYAL'S

STRIKE ATTACK AIRCRAFT ON "ENEMY" SHIPS AS WELL AS TARGETS
IN EUROPE IN SUPPORT OF THE ALLIED COMMAND EUROPE.

MORE THAN 7000 MEN, 60 SURFACE AND SUBMARINES AND 250
AIRCRAFT WILL TAKE PART IN OCEAN SAFARI 77.

CANADA, THE FEDERAL GERMAN REPUBLIC, THE NETHERLANDS, NOR-
WAY, PORTUGAL, THE UK AND THE USA WILL CONTRIBUTE FORCES.
UNQUOTE.

3. (C) COMMENTS: RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING EDITORIAL CHANGES
TO THE TEXT OF THE PRESS RELEASE.

A. PARA 1, LINES 2 AND 3: DELETE THE WORDS "IN TIME. THIS
MEANS"; AND CHANGE LINE 3 TO READ: "QUICKLY, CONTINUOUSLY
AND PRIMARILY BY SEA."

B. PARA 7. CHANGE TO READ: "MORE THAN 7000 MEN, 60 SUR-
FACE SHIPS AND SUBMARINES AS WELL AS 250 AIRCRAFT WILL
TAKE PART IN OCEAN SAFARI 77."

4. (C) REF B, PAGE II-28 PARA 5, UNDER POLITICAL IMPLI-
CATIONS: INDICATES NONE FORSEEN.
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5. (C) REQUEST COMMENT/CONCURRENCE NLT COB 28 JUL 77.
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